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Applicant: Bator et al.

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Title: BUMPER ENERGY ABSORBER AND METHOD OF FABRICATING  
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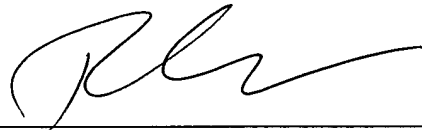
Dear Sir:

This statement and Form PTO-1449 are submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98(a) as a means of complying with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56 with respect to the above-captioned patent application.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Information Disclosure Statement or patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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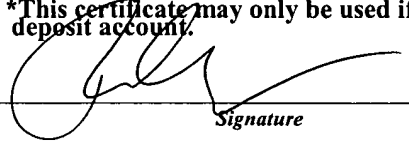
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